

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESHB 1694

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Ways & Means, February 12, 2009

Title: An act relating to fiscal matters for the 2007-2009 biennium.

Brief Description: Addressing fiscal matters for the 2007-2009 biennium.

Sponsors: House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Linville, Moeller, Hunter and Darneille).

Brief History: Passed House: 2/02/09, 83-13.

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 2/03/09, 2/12/09 [DPA, DNP, w/oRec].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Tom, Vice Chair, Operating Budget; Fairley, Hobbs, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, McDermott, Murray, Oemig, Pridemore and Regala.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senators Zarelli, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland and Parlette.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senators Carrell, Honeyford, Pflug and Schoesler.

Staff: Steve Jones (786-7440)

Background: The agencies and institutions of state government operate on a fiscal biennium that begins July 1 of each odd-numbered year. The 2007-09 biennial operating budget was adopted in 2007 and modified in 2008. It appropriates \$33.7 billion from the state General Fund and several other accounts, referred to as the Near General Fund. The total budgeted amount from all funds and accounts, which includes state and federal funds, is \$57.2 billion.

Summary of Bill (Recommended Amendments): Appropriations are modified for the remainder of the 2007-09 biennium: approximately \$292 million in administrative and program reductions are made; \$338 million in additional federal resources can be used to

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offset state costs in FY 2009; and \$91.3 million is transferred from various accounts to the state General Fund.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE (Recommended Amendments): Various appropriations are modified. Detailed information can be found at www.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/WM/.

Appropriation: See bill.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: See committee files.

Persons Testifying: See committee files.